Testimony for HB 5277:

My name is Valerie Rumpf, and I live in Unionville. I have cerebral palsy and I am writing in support of House Bill 5277. Although I can stand and use a walker, I also use a wheelchair. I have problems with my joints and I visited the orthopedist recently. It was hard to maneuver onto the x-ray table when my joints are hurting; I had to use a stool that had rails in order to keep my balance.

When I go for a mammogram, it is also very difficult and painful to stand up and hold myself in the position needed to get a good picture. It would be very helpful if the mammography machine could adjust to the height of my wheelchair.

Just recently I went to the ophthalmologist, and while trying to get in to the room to do the exam, the room was a little tight for me to maneuver in to and inside of it. They had to move stuff around so I could get in with my wheel chair.